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# PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

OTTAWA

## RE-LAYING OF THE CORNER STONE

BY

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS

THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT, K.G., ETC., ETC.,

GOVERNOR GENERAL OF CANADA

AT

12 O'CLOCK NOON

ON

FRIDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF SEPTEMBER,

1916.

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## Programme.

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His Royal Highness The Governor General will arrive at the site of the Building at Twelve O'clock, Noon and after receiving the Royal Salute and inspecting the Guard of Honour, which will be furnished by the 207th Overseas Battalion (Lieut.-Colonel MacLean), will proceed to the Royal Pavilion.

The corner stone of the old building, originally laid by H R.H. Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, September First, 1860, remaining in position at the North-East angle of the inner court of the eastern wing of the former structure, the ceremony will proceed in the following order:—

1. The Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod Commands Silence
2. The Minister of Public Works for the Dominion of Canada, the Honourable Robert Rogers, M.P., briefly addresses His Royal Highness the Governor General, thanks him for having graciously consented to officiate upon this occasion, and calls upon the Prime Minister of Canada to supplement his remarks.
3. Speech by the Prime Minister of Canada, the Right Honourable Sir Robert Borden, G.C.M.G., P.C., K.C., LL.D., M.P., etc., etc.
4. During the playing of a march by the Band, the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, accompanied by the Prime Minister, proceeds to the corner stone, still in its place in the original foundation. Under the direction of the architect, John A. Pearson, Esq., the stone will be raised from its base, placed upon a bogey, and thereon transferred to a position convenient to its new location in the North-East corner of the foundation of the new building.

5. The glass phial, containing documents, etc., which was deposited in the cavity under the corner stone in 1860 will be removed by the Deputy Minister of Public Works, J. B. Hunter, Esq., placed upon the stone, and conveyed with it to the new position.
6. The Deputy Minister of Public Works deposits the glass phial, as removed by him from the cavity in the foundation of the old building, along with a sealed copper receptacle containing a scroll, coins, postage stamps and certain papers of record, in the cavity, provided for the purpose, in the stone upon which the stone is to rest in the new building.
7. The corner stone is raised from the quarry and elevated above its base, and the mortar bed is prepared by the construction staff.
8. The Band having ceased to play, the Minister of Public Works presents a trowel, mallet and plumb bob triangle to His Royal Highness the Governor General, which being accepted, His Royal Highness advances to the stone and levels the surface of the mortar.
9. The stone is lowered into position on the bed of mortar under the direction of the following:  
D. Ewart, Esq., I.S.O., Dominion Consulting Architect;  
John A. Pearson, Esq., Architect;  
J. O. Marchand, Esq. Associate Architect;  
Wm Lyall, Esq., President of P. Lyall & Sons Construction Company, Limited, Contractors  
While the stone is being lowered into position the band plays "O Canada."
10. Speech by His Royal Highness the Governor General.
11. His Royal Highness applies the plumb bob triangle to the stone, gives the stone three strokes with the mallet and declares it well and truly laid.

12. His Royal Highness calls for three cheers for His Majesty the King.
13. The Right Honourable the Prime Minister calls for three cheers for His Royal Highness the Governor General.
14. The band plays one complete stanza of the National Anthem.
15. Departure of His Royal Highness the Governor General and party.

## DEPOSITED IN CORNER STONE.

Contents of the sealed copper receptacle placed within the corner stone at the relaying, September First, 1916:—

(a) A parchment scroll with the following engrossed thereon:—

"This corner-stone was laid on the first of September 1860 by His late Majesty King Edward VII, of glorious memory, then Prince of Wales, during his visit to the British Colonies of North America and to the United States of America.

"The original buildings, excepting the Library, were completed in the year 1866 and were occupied by the Legislature of the Province of Canada on the 8th of June, 1866, for the last session of that body. Thereafter, they were occupied by the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada. The Library building was completed in the year 1876. The buildings were enlarged by additions to the offices in the north-western part, said additions being completed in the year 1909, but otherwise they remained intact until the 3rd of February, 1916, when they were destroyed by a disastrous fire, which is more particularly described in the Report of the Royal Commission appointed to investigate the origin thereof, a copy of which is enclosed herewith. Parliament immediately resumed its session on the 4th of February, 1916, at the Victoria Memorial Museum which was immediately vacated by the Geological Survey and fitted up temporarily for the purpose by the Public Works Department. Steps were forthwith taken for the erection of new buildings. At the same session of Parliament, a Joint Committee was appointed by the Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Sir Robert Borden, P.C., C.C.M.G., K.C., LL.D., President of the King's Privy Council for Canada and the Leader of the Opposition, the Right Honourable Sir Wilfrid Laurier, P.C., G.C.M.G., K.C., D.C.L., LL.D., for securing the reconstruction of the buildings.

"This Committee is composed of

"The Honourable Robert Rogers, M.P.,  
Minister of Public Works,  
Chairman;

"The Honourable John Douglas Hazen, M.P., B.A., B.C.L.,  
Minister of Marine and of the Naval Service;

"The Honourable John Dowsley Reid, M.D., M.P.,  
Minister of Customs;

"The Honourable Pierre Edouard Blondin, M.P.,  
Secretary of State and Minister of Mines;

"The Honourable William Pugsley, K.C., D.C.L., M.P.,

"The Honourable Rodolphe Lemieux, K.C., M.P.,

"The Honourable Charles Murphy, M.P.,  
resigned;

"The Honourable Sir James Lougheed,  
Senator;

"The Honourable Robert Watson,  
Senator;

"Secretary,—

James Blake Hunter, B.A.,

Deputy Minister of Public Works.

"Sufficient advance has been made in the reconstruction to permit of this stone being relaid by His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, Governor General of Canada, on the fifty-sixth Anniversary of the original ceremony, namely the first day of September, 1916, in the sixth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King George V, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

#### "GOVERNOR GENERAL.

"Field Marshal, His Royal Highness Prince ARTHUR WILLIAM PATRICK ALBERT, Duke of Connaught and of Strathearn, and Earl of Sussex, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, Prince of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Duke of Saxony, Prince of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha; Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter; Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle; Knight of the Most Illustrious Order of Saint Patrick; one of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council; First and Principal Knight Grand Cross and Great Master of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath; Knight Grand Commander of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India; Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; Knight Grand Commander of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire; Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order; Personal Aide-de-Camp to His Majesty the King; Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of the Dominion of Canada.

#### "THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNORS OF THE PROVINCES.

"Names and title of the Lieutenant Governors.

#### "THE DOMINION CABINET.

"The members of the Cabinet: names and titles in full.

**"THE SENATE.**

**" The Speaker and Members of the Senate: names and addresses.**

**"THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.**

**" The Speaker and Members of the House of Commons: Names and constituencies.**

**"THE GREAT WAR.**

**" In the midst of a war, cruel and devastating, such as the world has never seen, the people of the Dominion of Canada, with those of the United Kingdom and the allied countries, are straining every resource in defending the Rights of Liberty. More than 350,000 Canadians have volunteered for service, and of this number more than 150,000 have departed overseas, and more than 100,000 are now on the fighting line."**

**"HIS MAJESTY'S ALLIES.**

- "President of the Republic of France, Raymond Poincare**
- "Emperor of all the Russias, Tsar Nicholas II**
- "King of Italy, Victor Emmanuel III**
- "King of the Belgians, Albert**
- "Emperor of Japan, Yoshihito**
- "King of Serbia, Peter I, Kara Georgevitch**
- "President of the Republic of Portugal, Dr. Bernardino Machado.**
- "King of Montenegro, Nicholas**
- "King of Roumania, Ferdinand**

**"ARCHITECTS AND CONTRACTORS**

**" Architects,—**

**John Andrew Pearson, Architect.**  
**J. O. Marchand, Associate Architect.**

**" Contractors,—**

**The P. Lyall & Sons Construction Company, Limited.**  
**William Lyall, President;**

**" Architectural Adviser of Joint Committee,—**

**David Ewart, I.S.O.,**  
**Dominion Consulting Architect.**

**" Assistants on the work,—**

**Charles Sutherland, Architect,**  
**Allan Keefer, Architect."**

- (b) A set of standard Canadian coins—gold, silver and copper.
- (c) Canadian postage stamps of the current year.
- (d) Copies of the programme and cards of invitation for the ceremony of the re-laying of the corner stone, September First, 1916.
- (e) Copy of the 1916 Edition "The Canadian Parliamentary Guide".
- (f) A copy of "Construction", Volume II, No. 1, of November, 1908, containing an article by W. A. Langton, O.A.A., on Canada's National Buildings, a review of their construction, arrangement, and architectural detail, with a number of plates showing the main architectural features of the old Parliament Buildings.
- (g) Copies of the current issues of the Ottawa daily newspapers.
- (h) Annual report 1916 of "The Historic Landmarks Association of Canada".
- (i) Report of the Royal Commission appointed to investigate the origin of the disastrous fire of February 3, 1916.